THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) At present, uranium is being recovered from the uranium deposits at Jaduguda, Bhatin, Narwapahar in Singhbhum District, Bihar, and also from the copper tailings of the copper mine in Singhbhum District, Bihar. Thorium as a part of monazite, is found mainly in the beach sand deposits of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Orissa & Andhra Pradesh. It is not in the national interest to disclose information about the production of uranium and thorium in the country.

(b) and (c) Uranium mineralisation was located at Sonrai-Pisnari, Lalitpur Dist., Uttar Pradesh. However, a detailed information indcated that it is not technically feasible and economically viable for mining/exploitation.

Uranium deposits occur at the following places in the country:

Place	District
Jaduguda Bhatin Narwapahar	Singhbhum Dist., Bihar
Turamdih Mohuldih Bagjata Garadih Kanyalika	Singhbhum Dist., Bihar
Domiasiat	West Khasi Hills Dist., Mghalaya
Lambapur	Nalgonda Dist. Andhra Pradesh
Tummalapalle	Cuddapah Dist., Andhra Pradesh

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Two units of 100 MWe Light Water Reactors are proposed at Koodankulam in Tamil Nadu with technical cooperation and financial assistance from the Russian Federation. However, these would not be installed during this annual plan (1997-98).

[English]

Transfer of Centrally Sponsored Scheme

150. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission propose to transfer 179 Centrally sponsored schemes to the States for their direct implementation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the reaction of the State Governments thereto and the steps taken to ensure proper utilisation of the funds provided by the Central Government for these schemes;

(d) whether any complaints regarding diversion of the funds by the State Governments from one scheme to another have been received earlier; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken in this regard and time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA D. SAVANOOR) : (a) to (e) An exercise was done in Planning Commission on the question of transfer of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) to the States. A note on the subject was sent to concerned Central Ministries/Departments and all States/UT Governments for their comments. Based on the replies received a revised note on the subject is being prepared for the approval of the Full Planning Commission and National Development Council (NDC). In line with the Approach Paper, a process of joint plan formulation and joint monitoring would also be evolved between the Planning Commission, Centraly Ministries/Deptts. and the State Governments.

[Translation]

Treatment Schemes for Various Diseases

151. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes under which assistance is being provided to the people living below poverty line for the treatment of cancer, kidney and heart ailments and other incurable serious diseases;

(b) the amounts provided to each State under these during the last three years; and

(c) the estimated number of parsons benefited therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) A Statement explaining the schemes (a) NIAF (b) Health Minister's Discretionary Grant, is enclosed.

(b) The details of the releases made by the Ministry under the various schemes are as under: